

To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to take this time to add my thoughts to the Element 1 requirements for amateur radio licensees. I applaud the FCC for considering the elimination of this requirement for privileges in the HF radio spectrum. However, I must disagree with the commission's suggestion that Element 1 be eliminated for all license classifications. I would like to propose that the commission keep the Element 1 requirement for licensee holders that wish to earn the Extra class license. I also agree that with the commission's proposal to not restructure the licensing system. There are many differences between VHF and higher frequencies compared to HF operations. These differences should, as they do now, require two different tests with questions based on the differences between these two very different parts of the radio spectrum. Thank you for your time.

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